



# Line Items

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## NEW FACES AT EXCELSIOR EMC



**Evan Durden**

Evan Durden, Dakota Berry, Cohen Deal, and Scott Hebden have recently joined the Excelsior EMC team.

Evan and Dakota have been hired as Line Construction Groundmen. They will work with our line construction crews as assistants to linemen in building and maintaining the distribution system that supplies power to our members. They will undergo several years of on the job training as well as classroom training in hopes of achieving their ultimate goal of one day becoming an Excelsior EMC Lineman.



**Dakota Berry**

Cohen Deal has been hired as an Engineering Representative. As Engineering Representative, Cohen will work directly with members to build new line extensions to homes and businesses. Engineering Representatives also assist in the design of distribution system improvements and outdoor lighting.



**Cohen Deal**

Scott Hebden has been hired as Purchasing Agent. Scott will work to maintain the Cooperative's warehouse and pole yard, keeping each stocked with the necessary materials that our crews need on a day-to-day basis in order to build and maintain our distribution system. He will keep informed of industry standards and developments in order to work with vendors to assure that the cost and quality of materials and supplies being purchased provide the greatest benefit to our members.



**Scott Hebden**

Evan, Dakota, Cohen, and Scott are excited to have the opportunity to uphold Excelsior EMC's high standards of service. Please help us welcome them to the Excelsior EMC team.

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## When Your Power is Off – Call (912) 685-2115 or (912) 764-2123

When your power goes off, don't stay in the dark longer than you have to. To restore your power as quickly as possible, we need your correct phone number. Your phone number is the quickest way for us to locate your home or business when you call to report an outage.

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## Between the Lines

by  
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## Working with Local Legislators

"All politics is local." This observation by the late Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, Jr., former Speaker of the House of Representatives, means that even national politics have a local impact, and people care most about issues that directly affect them. Indirectly, this famous adage underscores the importance and value of local politics.

At Excelsior EMC, we think it's critical to develop and cultivate relationships with local legislators because they craft, introduce and vote on legislation that impacts the local business climate, the environment and quality of life for our community. That's why we work closely with our local elected officials. After all, our purpose is to provide safe, reliable, affordable energy, but our mission is to help our community thrive.

Excelsior EMC is a local business that powers economic development and prosperity for our region. As a cooperative, we have deep roots here, and we listen closely to our members to better understand the needs of the community. Our Board members and employees live and work right here in the community we serve.

We strive to be an advocate for our community, ensuring that local legislators know, understand and act on the issues that are important to our area.

As a practical matter, we recognize that most legislators are "generalists," yet they vote on a wide range of issues. Their expertise may not include the changing energy industry, which is why Excelsior EMC provides guidance and expertise from a cooperative's viewpoint.

Today's energy landscape is an increasingly complex topic covering not only the traditional engineering and vegetation management aspects of the industry, but also encompasses technology, cybersecurity, the electrification of the transportation sector and more.

We provide background information for legislators and their staff. Because we're involved in our local communities and know local community leaders, we can provide insight on how issues and policies under discussion might impact our region.



Every Member Counts

# SERVICE FEE CHANGES

Effective January 1, 2022

Excelsior EMC will implement new service fee amounts for each applicable service fee listed below effective January 1, 2022. The present service fees have been in effect since September 1, 2017.

<u>RATE SCHEDULE</u>	<u>NEW AMOUNT</u>
<b>Temporary Service Fee</b> .....	\$200.00
<b>Trip Fee for Power Interruption Found to be Consumer's Problem, Field Collection, Field Reconnection, Returned Check Field Collection, After Hours Meter Connection, Mobile Home Not in Place</b>	
For reasons noted above requiring a trip:	
During Regular Working Hours .....	\$90.00
After Regular Working Hours .....	\$140.00
<b>Meter Test Deposit</b> .....	\$90.00
<b>Reconnection Fees</b>	
Using Remote Disconnect (RD) Meter when available .....	\$90.00
<b>Same Day Connections</b>	
Same day connections will be performed at no cost within five hours of application when RD meters are installed and available. Connection requiring a field trip will be performed the following day at no charge.	
Exceptions will be charged as followed:	
Immediate (within one hour) connection by RD meter .....	\$30.00
Connection requiring same day field visit .....	\$140.00
<b>Meter Investigation Fee</b> .....	\$500.00
<b>Payment Extension Fee</b> .....	\$23.00
<b>Deposits Based on ONLINE Credit Check</b> .....	\$0 - \$500
(Green Level - \$0 / Yellow Level - \$300 / Red Level 1 - \$400 / Red Level 2 - \$500)	
<b>Pre-Pay Deposit</b> .....	\$30.00

Copies of the Cooperative's Service Rules and Regulations are available upon request from both the Metter and Statesboro offices.

# Thinking of Going Solar?

As an electric cooperative, Excelsior EMC exists to serve our members. One such service is education regarding electric service.

We have noticed an increase in advertising from solar marketers in our area. Excelsior EMC works with its members to install solar panels at their home or business to offset their electric usage. However, we do not partner with or endorse any solar company. We encourage our members to research their energy usage and calculate break-even and payback for solar investments independent from marketer's claims.

## PROJECT SHARE: Neighbors Helping Neighbors

For several years Excelsior EMC consumers have had the opportunity to help needy people in our community by contributing to the Salvation Army program known as Project SHARE. Excelsior EMC is one of the many utilities involved in helping citizens who need assistance with basic necessities such as housing, food, medical care, and utility services. Project SHARE helps the elderly, disabled, and those afflicted with illness, and others who are experiencing serious financial hardships.

An attractive part of the program is that your contribution goes to help someone from the county where the donation originated. Locally, the Department of Family and Children Services handles Project SHARE funds.

If you would like to participate, check the appropriate space and complete the form located on this page and return with your next payment.

This amount will be added each month to your bill. Anyone wishing to make a larger contribution should mail it directly to:

**The Salvation Army**  
Project SHARE  
P.O. Box 930188  
Norcross, GA 30003-0188

**Yes, I'd like to participate in Project SHARE.**

Please add  \$1  \$2  \$5 to my electric account each month.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number (*we bill*) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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